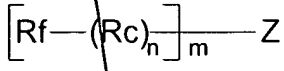

(F)

wherein Rf represents a perfluoroalkyl group, Rc represents an alkylene group, Z represents a group having an anionic group, a cationic group, a betaine-series group, or a nonionic polar group necessary for imparting a surface activity, n represents an integer of 0 or 1, and m represents an integer of 1, 2 or 3, and wherein the photothermographic material comprises a color toning agent, which is a combination of a phthalazine compound and a phthalic acid compound.

Please add the following new claim:

--6. (New) The photothermographic material according to claim 1, wherein the phthalazine compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of phthalazine, 4-(1-naphthyl)phthalazine, 6-isopropylphthalazine, 6-t-butylphthalazine, 6-chlorophthalazine, 5,7-dimethoxyphthalazine, 2,3-dihydrophthalazine and metal salts thereof; and wherein the phthalic acid compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of phthalic acid, 4-methylphthalic acid, 4-nitrophthalic acid and tetrachlorophthalic acid anhydride.

--7. (New) The photothermographic material according to claim 1, wherein in formula (F), Rc represents an alkylene group of 2 to 20 carbon atoms and n is 1.--